

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim 2 wherein~~ A convertible furniture assembly comprising:

a frame assembly;

an upper platform pivotally coupled to said frame assembly for supporting a bedding component, said upper platform being moveable between a raised position and a lowered position; and

a headboard member coupled to said upper platform, said headboard member being raised solely vertically between a first position and a second position in response to said upper platform moving from said raised position to said lowered position to counterbalance said upper platform and to oppose movement of said upper platform from said raised position to said lowered position;

a guide assembly positioned between said frame assembly and said headboard member, said guide assembly operable to guide said headboard member between said first position and said second position, said guide assembly comprises: having a guide channel extending along one of said headboard member and said frame

assembly; and a guide pin extending from the other of said headboard member and said frame assembly, said guide pin being sized to be slidably received within said guide channel;

a lower platform;

a first hinge portion fixedly coupled to an underside of said upper platform;

and

a second hinge portion fixedly coupled to said lower platform, said second hinge portion being pivotally coupled to said first hinge portion along an axis, said axis being offset from at least one of said upper platform and said lower platform so as to define a spacing distance between said upper platform and said lower platform.

4. (Previously Presented) A convertible furniture assembly comprising:
- a frame assembly;
 - an upper platform pivotally coupled to said frame assembly for supporting a bedding component, said upper platform being moveable between a raised position and a lowered position; and
 - a counterbalance member coupled to said upper platform, said counterbalance member being raised between a first position and a second position in response to said upper platform moving from said raised position to said lowered position;
 - a lower platform;
 - a first hinge portion fixedly coupled to an underside of said upper platform;
 - a second hinge portion fixedly coupled to said lower platform, said second hinge portion being pivotally coupled to said first hinge portion along an axis, said axis being offset from at least one of said upper platform and said lower platform so as to define a spacing distance between said upper platform and said lower platform;
 - a guide assembly positioned between said frame assembly and said counterbalance member, said guide assembly operable to guide said counterbalance member between said first position and said second position, said guide assembly comprises:
 - a guide channel extending along one of said counterbalance member and said frame assembly; and

a guide pin extending from the other of said counterbalance member and said frame assembly, said guide pin being sized to be slidably received within said guide channel, wherein said guide pin is removable from said guide channel.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 3 wherein said spacing distance is sufficient to accommodate items positioned on top of said lower platform.

7. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 3 wherein at least one of said first hinge portion and said second hinge portion is generally L-shaped.

8. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 3, further comprising:

a self-standing support pivotally coupled between said frame assembly and said lower platform, said upper platform being pivotally coupled with said lower platform in parallelogram linkage geometry with said self-standing support and said frame assembly for maintaining a horizontal orientation of said lower platform throughout the raising and lowering of said upper platform.

9. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim [[5]] 3 wherein said lower platform is a table.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A convertible furniture assembly comprising:
a frame assembly;

an upper platform pivotally coupled to said frame assembly for supporting a bedding component, said upper platform being moveable between a raised position and a lowered position;

a headboard member coupled to said upper platform, said headboard member being raised solely vertically between a first position and a second position in response to said upper platform moving from said raised position to said lowered position to counterbalance said upper platform and to oppose movement of said upper platform from said raised position to said lowered position;

a guide assembly positioned between said frame assembly and said headboard member, said guide assembly having a guide channel extending along one of said headboard member and said frame assembly and a guide pin extending from the other of said headboard member and said frame assembly, said guide pin being sized to be slidably received within said guide channel; and

a torsion system providing torsional energy to aid in moving said upper platform between said lowered position and said raised position, said torsion system operably coupled between said frame assembly and said upper platform.

13. (Previously Presented) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim 12 wherein said headboard member is operable to provide energy to supplement said energy from said torsion system.

14. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim [[5]] 3 wherein said headboard member is pivotally coupled to said upper platform.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim [[5]] 3 wherein said headboard member conceals an area behind said frame assembly.

17. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim [[5]] 3 wherein said upper platform is a bed frame.

18. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 3, further comprising:

a cabinet positioned adjacent said frame assembly.

19. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 3, further comprising:

a cabinet formed integrally with said frame assembly.

20. (Currently Amended) A convertible furniture assembly comprising:
a frame assembly having a vertically extending side member[[s]];
an upper platform pivotally coupled to said frame assembly for supporting
a bedding component, said upper platform being moveable between a raised position
and a lowered position; [[and]]

a headboard member coupled to said upper platform, said headboard member being raised solely vertically between a first position and a second position in response to said upper platform moving from said raised position to said lowered position to counterbalance said upper platform and to oppose movement of said upper platform from said raised position to said lowered position;

a guide assembly positioned between said frame assembly and said headboard member, said guide assembly having a guide channel extending along one of said headboard member and said frame assembly and a guide pin extending from the other of said headboard member and said frame assembly, said guide pin being sized to be slidably received within said guide channel;

a torsion system providing torsional energy to aid in moving said upper platform between said lowered position and said raised position, said torsion system operably coupled between said frame assembly and said upper platform;

a cabinet formed integrally with said frame assembly;

a table surface positioned adjacent said upper platform; and

a cutout formed in said side member of said frame assembly to permit access to said entire table surface from said upper platform.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) ~~The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim 23 wherein~~ A convertible furniture assembly comprising:

a base assembly;

an first platform pivotally coupled to said base assembly for supporting a bedding component, said first platform being moveable between a raised position and a lowered position;

a headboard coupled to said first platform, said headboard being raised solely vertically between a first position and a second position in response to said first platform moving from said raised position to said lowered position to counterbalance said first platform and to oppose movement of said first platform from said raised position to said lowered position;

a second platform;

a first hinge portion fixedly coupled to an underside of said first platform;

a second hinge portion fixedly coupled to said second platform, said second hinge portion being pivotally coupled to said first hinge portion along an axis, said axis being offset from at least one of said first platform and said second platform so

as to define a spacing distance between said first platform and said second platform;

and

a guide assembly positioned between said base assembly and headboard, said guide assembly comprises: having a guide channel extending along one of said headboard and said base assembly and a guide pin extending from the other of said headboard and said base assembly, said guide pin being sized to be slidably received within said guide channel.

25. (Original) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim 24 wherein said guide pin is removable from said guide channel.

26. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim ~~[[22]]~~ 24 wherein said headboard is operable to provide an opposing force as said first platform moves from said raised position to said lowered position.

27. (Original) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim 26 wherein said opposing force is generated at least in part by gravity.

28. (Previously Presented) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim 26 wherein said headboard is pivotally coupled to said first platform.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim ~~[[22]]~~ 24 wherein said spacing distance is sufficient to accommodate items positioned on top of said second platform.

31. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim ~~[[22]]~~ 24 wherein at least one of said first hinge portion and said second hinge portion is generally L-shaped.

32. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim ~~[[22]]~~ 24, further comprising:

a self-standing support pivotally coupled between said base assembly and said second platform, said first platform being pivotally coupled with said second platform in parallelogram linkage geometry with said self-standing support and said base assembly for maintaining a horizontal orientation of said second platform throughout the raising and lowering of said first platform.

33. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim ~~[[22]]~~ 24 wherein said second platform is a table.

34. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim ~~[[22]]~~ 24 wherein said first platform is a bed frame.

35. (Currently Amended) A convertible furniture assembly comprising:
a frame assembly;

an upper platform pivotally coupled to said frame assembly for supporting
a bedding component, said upper platform being moveable between a raised position
and a lowered position;

a headboard member pivotally coupled to said upper platform, said
headboard member being raised solely vertically between a first position and a second
position in response to said upper platform moving from said raised position to said
lowered position to counterbalance said upper platform and to oppose movement of
said upper platform from said raised position to said lowered position;

a guide assembly positioned between said frame assembly and said
headboard member, said guide assembly operable to guide said headboard member
between said first position and said second position, said guide assembly having a
guide channel extending along one of said headboard member and said frame
assembly; and a guide pin extending from the other of said headboard member and
said frame assembly, said guide pin being sized to be slidably received within said
guide channel;

a lower platform;

a first hinge portion fixedly coupled to an underside of said upper platform;

and

a second hinge portion fixedly coupled to said lower platform, said second
hinge portion being pivotally coupled to said first hinge portion along an axis, said axis

being offset from at least one of said upper platform and said lower platform so as to define a spacing distance between said upper platform and said lower platform.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently Amended) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim ~~[[37]]~~ 35 wherein said guide pin is removable from said guide channel.

39. (Original) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim 35 wherein said spacing distance is sufficient to accommodate items positioned on top of said lower platform.

40. (Original) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim 35 wherein at least one of said first hinge portion and said second hinge portion is generally L-shaped.

41. (Original) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim 35, further comprising:

a self-standing support pivotally coupled between said frame assembly and said lower platform, said upper platform being pivotally coupled with said lower platform in parallelogram linkage geometry with said self-standing support and said frame assembly for maintaining a horizontal orientation of said lower platform throughout the raising and lowering of said upper platform.

42. (Previously Presented) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim 35 wherein said headboard member is operable to provide an opposing force as said upper platform moves from said raised position to said lowered position.

43. (Original) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim 42 wherein said opposing force is generated at least in part by gravity.

44. (Original) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim 35, further comprising:

a torsion system providing energy to aid in moving said upper platform between said lowered position and said raised position, said torsion system operably coupled between said frame assembly and said upper platform.

45. (Previously Presented) The convertible furniture assembly according to Claim 44 wherein said headboard member is operable to provide energy to supplement said energy from said torsion system.